



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE


<b>Applicant:</b>	Munishkin <i>et al.</i>	)	
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<b>Serial No.:</b>	09/844,935	)	
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		)	<b>Examiner:</b> Chakrabarti, A
<b>Title:</b>	Compositions, Methods and	)	
	Apparatus for Determining	)	
	The Presence or Absence of	)	
	Target Molecules	)	
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<b>Docket No.:</b>	30318-110CON	)	
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REPLY B

Sir:

In response to an Office Action dated August 14, 2003, Applicants file the following reply.

**Amendments to the Claims:**

Status of the claims begins on page 3.

**Remarks:**

Remarks begin on page 7.